

SOTC Worship  
October 23, 2022  
Rethinking Stewardship: An Act of Justice

————— GATHERING —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

GOD OF THE FERTILE FIELDS



1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of  
2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in  
3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that  
4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the



earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your  
trust from you all that you give; help us in  
serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our  
Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our



boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,  
love to share, teach us like you to care  
toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,  
lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.



that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.  
for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.  
no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.  
Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

*Water is poured into the font.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

ELW 157

## HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy.  
Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and  
joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 1:10-17

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord,  
you rulers of Sodom!  
Listen to the teaching of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!  
<sup>11</sup>What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?  
says the Lord;  
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams  
and the fat of fed beasts;  
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,  
or of lambs, or of goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me,  
who asked this from your hand?  
Trample my courts no more;  
<sup>13</sup>bringing offerings is futile;  
incense is an abomination to me.  
New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—  
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

<sup>14</sup>Your new moons and your appointed festivals  
my soul hates;  
they have become a burden to me,  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you stretch out your hands,  
I will hide my eyes from you;  
even though you make many prayers,  
I will not listen;  
your hands are full of blood.

<sup>16</sup>Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;  
remove the evil of your doings  
from before my eyes;  
cease to do evil,

<sup>17</sup>learn to do good;  
seek justice,  
rescue the oppressed,  
defend the orphan,  
plead for the widow.

PSALM: PSALM 146

<sup>1</sup>Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD, O my soul!**

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes,

**in mortals, in whom there is no help.**

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

**on that very day their plans perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

**whose hope is in the LORD their God,**

<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them;

**who keeps faith forever;**

<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed;

**who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

**<sup>8</sup>the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.**

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

**the LORD loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup>The LORD watches over the strangers;

**he upholds the orphan and the widow,**

**but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

<sup>10</sup>The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:16-24

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that Jesus Christ laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 10th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>26</sup>He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" <sup>27</sup>He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." <sup>28</sup>And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" <sup>30</sup>Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' <sup>36</sup>Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

*Refrain*

And God will de - light\_ when we are crea - tors of

justice and joy,\_\_\_ yes, God will de - light\_ when we are crea-

- tors of justice,\_\_\_\_\_ justice and joy!\_\_\_\_\_

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
 a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
 for everyone born, a star over head.

*Refrain*

For women and man, a place at the table,  
 revising the roles, deciding the share,  
 with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
 for women and man, a system that's fair.

*Refrain*

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
 for young and for old, the right to belong.

*Refrain*

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
 to live without fear, and simply to be,  
 to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
 for everyone born, the right to be free.

*Refrain*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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## MEAL

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OFFERING AND OFFERING SONG

AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT

ELW 465

OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*

you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*

lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*

thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you    take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
    \* you    break   the   chains   of   ha - tred   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   jus - tice   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   mer - cy   and

*Congregation:*



world:  
fear:  
peace:  
love:

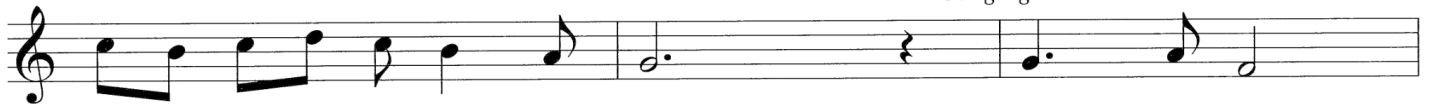
have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,

*Final time Cong. or assistant:*

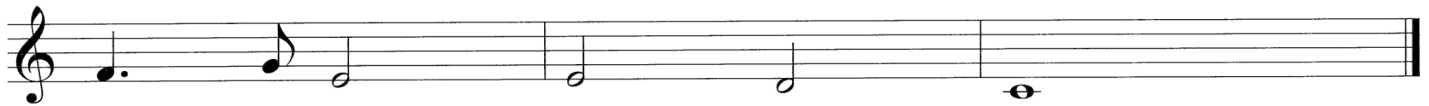


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

*Congregation:*



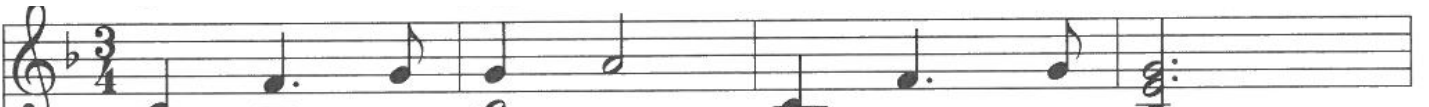
take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



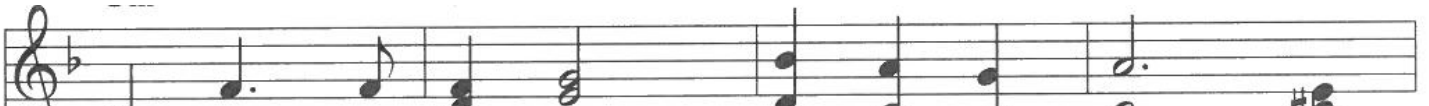
grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

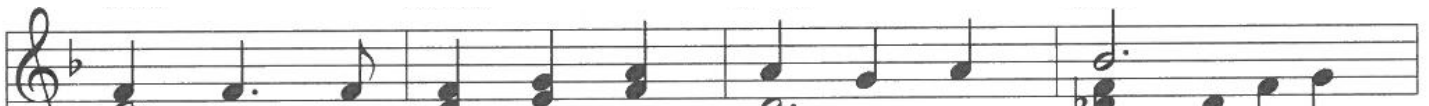
MAKE ME A SERVANT



Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.



Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.



And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,  
make me a ser - vant to - day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

WE ARE CALLED

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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